

Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<010> Study Area Code	371556
<015> Study Area Name	HARTINGTON TEL CO
<020> Program Year	2016
<030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Wm. D. Dendinger
<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	4022543901 ext.
<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	billd@hartel.net

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____	Filing Due Date for this form: _____
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
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## Attachments

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data  
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Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc.

### **Certification of Compliance with Applicable Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules for Voice and Broadband Services**

Service quality standards and consumer protection rules for broadband are not as defined as the rules for voice services. The Company complies with any service quality standards and consumer protection rules for broadband that are out there now and any that will be defined in the future.

#### Service Quality Standards

For voice services, the Company:

- Provides voice grade access to the public switched network.
- Provides flat rated local exchange service with no additional charge to end users.
- Provides access to the emergency services provided by local government or other public safety organizations, such as 911 and enhanced 911.
- Provides toll blocking and toll limitation services.

For voice and broadband services, the Company:

- Advertises the availability of its services and the charges using media of general distribution and/or on its website.
- Maintains a business office providing customers with access to a customer service representative either in person or via a local telephone call or toll-free telephone number during business hours.
- Directs after hour calls to the Company's help desk.
- Directs trouble reports to the on-call technician.
- Tracks all service orders to ensure they are completed in a timely manner.
- Measures its service connection and service interruption performance on a regular basis.
- Trains employees to:
  - Answer all incoming calls promptly.
  - Respond to all inquiries for information promptly and courteously.
  - Investigate thoroughly all customer complaints and handle appropriately according to the Company's guidelines for resolution of customer complaints.
  - Be knowledgeable about products and service offerings so they can assist the customer with selecting the best service option.
- Has a process for periodic inspection, testing and preventive maintenance of its equipment to permit the rendering of safe, adequate and continuous service at all times.
- Meets or exceeds the standards established by the state commission and provides any reports required in accordance with the state commission's rules.

#### Consumer Protection Rules

The Company has established operating procedures designed to facilitate compliance with applicable consumer protection rules which include compliance with the Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) rules. The operating procedures include:

- Appointment of a compliance officer.
- A manual detailing the specific procedures for protecting consumer information.
- Employee training on an annual basis.
- A disciplinary process for improper use of consumer information.

If complaints are filed with the Company regarding consumer protection rules, the complaint is immediately investigated, the matter tracked and any corrective action noted. This process ensures that problems are addressed and corrections made.

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1. Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc. has been providing high quality service in northeast Nebraska since 1905. This includes operating in adverse conditions including blizzards, ice storms, thunderstorms, tornadoes and during prolonged power outages. Hartington Telecommunication's management team, plant supervisors, plant technicians and customer service representatives have the training, experience and equipment necessary to respond to, manage and operate in emergency situations.
2. Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc. follows applicable Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Telecommunications program practices and guidelines including the Telecommunications Engineering and Construction Manual (TE&CM) and other industry standards available to small telecommunications carriers. Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc. also meets the requirements of the Nebraska Public Service Commission (NPSC) as applied to local exchange service.

3. Back-Up Power

3.1. Central Office

- 3.1.1. Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc. maintains storage batteries designed to provide a minimum reserve capacity consistent with RUS TE&CM 1751E-302, Power Requirements for Digital Central Office Equipment. 1751E-302 paragraph 2.3.4 recommends a minimum reserve capacity of 8 hours, or 3 hours if the central office is equipped with an emergency standby generator. This is consistent with Title 291, NPSC Telecommunications Rules and Regulations, Chapter 5, paragraph 002.05 Emergency Operations and Power.
- 3.1.2. Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc maintains a dedicated standby generator fueled with a 1000 gallon reserve supply of diesel fuel. The standby unit is equipped with an automatic transfer switch so that in the event of an interruption of the commercial electric power lasting more than a few minutes, the standby generator starts automatically and provides electrical power to the central office equipment, air conditioning and building lighting. The automatic transfer switch also exercises the standby unit periodically and an alarm indication is sent if the standby generator does not start so that telecommunications personnel can perform proactive maintenance.



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**3.2. Remote Equipment Cabinets**

- 3.2.1. Where electronic equipment in cabinets located remotely from the central office, is used to provide service, the cabinets are equipped with batteries designed to operate for a minimum of eight hours without commercial electrical power. In addition, Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc. maintains portable AC standby generators for use in the event of prolonged commercial power interruptions and the cabinets are equipped with external receptacles to facilitate connection to portable generators.

**3.3. Optical Network Terminations (ONT's)**

- 3.3.1. Where Fiber-to-the-Premises (FTTP) technology has been deployed the ONT's are powered by micro-uninterruptable power supplies (UPS) located on the customer premises and powered from the customer's commercial electrical power. The UPS batteries are specified for a minimum of eight hours of reserve capacity. The FTTP electronics system monitors the ONT's and notifies Hartington Telecommunication's maintenance personnel when any ONT's batteries are no longer capable of holding the charge required for the designed battery reserve capacity so that Hartington Telecommunication's can work with the customer to replace the UPS batteries. Hartington Telecommunication's also maintains a cache of UPS's for routine and emergency replacement.

**4. Rerouting Traffic around Damaged Facilities**

- 4.1. In the event of damage to facilities owned by Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc., our maintenance personnel would restore service using emergency splice kits kept on hand for these types of service disruptions. If the damaged facilities are not owned by Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc. we would work with the carrier directly affected to identify the source of disruption and the estimated amount of time before service is restored.
- 4.2. In the event of an extended outage, contact would be made with another service provider which has a separate, physical cable connection with Hartington Telecommunication's to provision temporary alternate routes supporting

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originating and terminating toll calls. Emphasis would first be placed on establishing connections to nearby PSAP, law-enforcement and emergency services.

5. Managing Traffic Spikes

- 5.1. Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc. meets Title 291, NPSC Telecommunications Rules and Regulations, Chapter 5, paragraph 002.12 Dial Service Objectives for sufficient central office capacity and equipment during the "...average busy hour-busy season..."
- 5.2. Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc. follows applicable RUS practices 522 and 322 when specifying, administrating, and assigning facilities within its control (as opposed to facilities ordered by connecting interexchange carriers).
- 5.3. The Hartington central office switch is a Genband DMS-10 operating at the 602.20 software release. The Hartington DMS-10 is equipped with 1250 access lines. The DMS-10 is designed to support up to 12,000 access lines by adding line and trunk interface equipment and network equipment only. In its current configuration the Hartington DMS-10 has additional capacity over and above the minimums specified to meet NPSC and RUS guidelines.
- 5.4. When traffic volumes greatly exceed specified criteria and additional capacity of the switch or connecting facilities, the DMS-10, like other modern switching platforms, continues to process calls but with potentially longer waiting times for dial tone, higher post-dialing delays and a higher probability of callers receiving all trunks busy indications (fast busy) and having to redial calls. Depending on the magnitude and duration of extreme peak demand, Hartington Telecommunication's would examine alternatives such as provisioning additional facilities and work with connecting carriers to expedite additional capacity.



**Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc.**

**Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program Terms and Conditions**

**Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program**

The Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program (NTAP) is available for qualifying customers of Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc.. NTAP assistance reduces the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive up to \$12.75 per month in discounts. In addition, the Federal Universal Service Charge is not assessed to consumers participating in NTAP. Toll Blocking prevents the placement of all long distance calls for which a subscriber would be charged. Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost. Also, by choosing this option, consumers are usually not charged a deposit.

NTAP is administered by the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

**NTAP Eligibility Information**

**Program Based Eligibility**

To qualify for NTAP, subscribers must either have an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household must receive benefits from one of the following assistance programs:

- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Medicaid
- Children's Health Insurance Program/Kids Connection (SAM, MAC or EMAC)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); (formerly the Food Stamps Program)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program Free Lunch program
- State assistance programs (if applicable)

To receive an NTAP application, contact your local *Health and Human Services* agency caseworker or the *Nebraska Public Service Commission*, 1200 N Street, Suite 300, PO Box 94927, Lincoln, NE 68508-4927, Phone: 402-471-3101, Toll Free: 1-800-526-0017 or [http://www.psc.nebraska.gov/ntips/ntips\\_ntap.html](http://www.psc.nebraska.gov/ntips/ntips_ntap.html)

NTAP applicants must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means.

Acceptable documentation of program-based eligibility includes: current or prior year's statement of benefits from a qualifying state or federal program; notice letter of participation in a qualifying state or federal program; program participation documents; or another official document evidencing the consumer's participation in a qualifying state or federal program.

**Income Based Eligibility**

In addition, consumers are eligible for NTAP if their household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.

## 2015 Federal Poverty Guidelines – 135%

Household Size	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$15,889	\$19,872	\$18,292
2	\$21,505	\$26,892	\$24,745
3	\$27,121	\$33,912	\$31,198
4	\$32,737	\$40,932	\$37,651
5	\$38,353	\$47,952	\$44,104
6	\$43,969	\$54,972	\$50,557
7	\$49,585	\$61,992	\$57,010
8	\$55,201	\$69,012	\$63,463
For each additional person, add	\$5,616	\$7,020	\$6,453

Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes: prior year's state or federal tax return; current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub; social security statement of benefits; Veterans Administration statement of benefits; retirement/pension statement of benefits; unemployment/workmen's compensation statement of benefits; federal notice of letter participating in General Assistance; or a divorce decree or child support award or other official document containing income information.

**Numbers of Minutes-of-Use Provided as Part of NTAP Program Service**

Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc.'s Voice NTAP service includes unlimited local minutes-of-use within the toll-free calling area. Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc.'s Voice NTAP Plan does not include any free minutes-of-use for toll. Toll is billed at the standard toll rate depending on which interexchange carrier the consumer subscribes to for toll service. As part of the NTAP service, Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost.

**Rates**

Subscribers may receive the NTAP credit on any type or grade of local service, including bundled services that are normally offered by Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc.. Advertised rates do not include any applicable taxes or surcharges.

**Recertification of NTAP Eligibility**

NTAP recipients are required to recertify their eligibility annually. Failure to properly recertify a recipient's continued eligibility for NTAP will result in termination of the NTAP recipient's monthly NTAP discount and de-enrollment from NTAP.

**Additional NTAP Program Information**

NTAP is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline or wireless service. A household is defined as an individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. NTAP is a government benefit program, and consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program.



**Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc.**

**Progress Report of 5 Year Plan – Milestone Certification**

To be in compliance with the Milestone Certification of providing upon a reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream:

- The Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc. certifies that it has taken reasonable steps to provide upon a reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol.
- The Company provides usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas.
- The Company certifies that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time.

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**Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc.**

**Progress Report on 5 Year Plan – Community Anchor Institutions**

Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc. does not have any newly served community anchor institutions because all anchor institutions had broadband service available to them prior to 2014.

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This data will be used by RUS to review your financial situation. Your response is required by 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq. and, subject to federal laws and regulations regarding confidential information, will be treated as confidential.

BORROWER NAME

Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc.

(Prepared with Audited Data)

JUN 25 2015

FCC Mail Room

## OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS

INSTRUCTIONS-Submit report to RUS within 30 days after close of the period.  
For detailed instructions, see RUS Bulletin 1744-2. Report in whole dollars only.

PERIOD ENDING  
December, 2014

BORROWER DESIGNATION  
NE0529

### CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ALL INSURANCE REQUIRED BY 7 CFR PART 1788, CHAPTER XVII, RUS, WAS IN FORCE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND RENEWALS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR ALL POLICIES.

DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT PURSUANT TO PART 1788 OF 7CFR CHAPTER XVII

(Check one of the following)

☒ All of the obligations under the RUS loan documents have been fulfilled in all material respects.

☐ There has been a default in the fulfillment of the obligations under the RUS loan documents. Said default(s) is/are specifically described in the Telecom Operating Report

Wm Dendinger

3/31/2015

DATE

### PART A. BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
1. Cash and Equivalents			25. Accounts Payable		
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund			26. Notes Payable		
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			28. Customer Deposits		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			29. Current Mat. L/T Debt		
c. Notes Receivable			30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.		
4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current Mat.-Capital Leases		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			32. Income Taxes Accrued		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			33. Other Taxes Accrued		
c. Notes Receivable			34. Other Current Liabilities		
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable			35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)		
6. Material-Regulated			<b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b>		
7. Material-Nonregulated			36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes		
8. Prepayments			37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes		
9. Other Current Assets			38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes		
10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)			39. Funded Debt-Other		
<b>NONCURRENT ASSETS</b>			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan		
11. Investment in Affiliated Companies			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt		
a. Rural Development			42. Recquired Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			43. Obligations Under Capital Lease		
12. Other Investments			44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies		
a. Rural Development			45. Other Long-Term Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)		
13. Nonregulated Investments			<b>OTHER LIAB. &amp; DEF. CREDITS</b>		
14. Other Noncurrent Assets			47. Other Long-Term Liabilities		
15. Deferred Charges			48. Other Deferred Credits		
16. Jurisdictional Differences			49. Other Jurisdictional Differences		
17. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)			50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)		
<b>PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT</b>			<b>EQUITY</b>		
18. Telecom, Plant-in-Service			51. Cap. Stock Outstand. & Subscribed		
19. Property Held for Future Use			52. Additional Paid-in-Capital		
20. Plant Under Construction			53. Treasury Stock		
21. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill			54. Membership and Cap. Certificates		
22. Less Accumulated Depreciation			55. Other Capital		
23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)			56. Patronage Capital Credits		
24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)			57. Retained Earnings or Margins		
			58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)		
			59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)		

Total Equity = % of Total Assets



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		PERIOD ENDING	
INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2		December, 2014	
PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS			
ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR	
1. Local Network Services Revenues			
2. Network Access Services Revenues			
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues			
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues			
5. Miscellaneous Revenues			
6. Uncollectible Revenues			
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)			
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense			
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)			
10. Depreciation Expense			
11. Amortization Expense			
12. Customer Operations Expense			
13. Corporate Operations Expense			
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)			
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)			
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses			
17. State and Local Taxes			
18. Federal Income Taxes			
19. Other Taxes			
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)			
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)			
22. Interest on Funded Debt			
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases			
24. Other Interest Expense			
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction			
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)			
27. Nonoperating Net Income			
28. Extraordinary Items			
29. Jurisdictional Differences			
30. Nonregulated Net Income			
31. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)			
32. Total Taxes Based on Income			
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year			
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date			
35. Dividends Declared (Common)			
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)			
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date			
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital			
39. Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]			
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year			
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital			
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired			
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)			
44. Annual Debt Service Payments			
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7]			
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26) / 7]			
47. TIER [(31+26) / 26]			
48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11) / 44]			

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<b>Part C. SUBSCRIBER (ACCESS LINE), ROUTE MILE, &amp; HIGH SPEED DATA INFORMATION</b>							
	1. RATES		2. SUBSCRIBERS (ACCESS LINES)			3. ROUTE MILES	
EXCHANGE	B-1	R-1	BUSINESS	RESIDENTIAL	TOTAL	TOTAL (including fiber)	FIBER
	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)	(b)
MobileWireless							
Route Mileage Outside Exchange Area							
Total							
No. Exchanges							

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<p><b>Part C. SUBSCRIBER (ACCESS LINE), ROUTE MILE, &amp; HIGH SPEED DATA INFORMATION</b></p>								
<p><b>4. BROADBAND SERVICE</b></p>								
<p><b>Details on Least Expensive Broadband Service</b></p>								
EXCHANGE	No. Access Lines with BB available (a)	No Of Broadband Subscribers (b)	Number Of Subscribers (c)	Advertised Download Rate (Kbps) (d)	Advertised Upload Rate (Kbps) (e)	Price Per Month (f)	Standalone/Pckg (f)	Type Of Technology (g)
Total								



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	<b>PERIOD ENDING</b> December, 2014
	<b>INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2</b>

## PART D. SYSTEM DATA

1. No. Plant Employees	2. No. Other Employees	3. Square Miles Served	4. Access Lines per Square Mile	5. Subscribers per Route Mile
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## PART E. TOLL DATA

1. Study Area ID Code(s)  a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____ f. _____ g. _____ h. _____ i. _____ j. _____	2. Types of Toll Settlements (Check one)	
	Interstate:	<input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis
	Intrastate:	<input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis

## PART F. FUNDS INVESTED IN PLANT DURING YEAR

1. RUS, RTB, & FFB Loan Funds Expended	
2. Other Long-Term Loan Funds Expended	
3. Funds Expended Under RUS Interim Approval	
4. Other Short-Term Loan Funds Expended	
5. General Funds Expended (Other than Interim)	
6. Salvaged Materials	
7. Contribution in Aid to Construction	
8. Gross Additions to Telecom. Plant (1 thru 7)	

## PART G. INVESTMENTS IN AFFILIATED COMPANIES

INVESTMENTS  (a)	CURRENT YEAR DATA		CUMULATIVE DATA		
	Investment This Year	Income/Loss This Year	Cumulative Investment To Date	Cumulative Income/Loss To Date	Current Balance
	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Rural Development					
2. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Nonrural Development					

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	<b>PERIOD ENDING</b> December, 2014

**PART H. CURRENT DEPRECIATION RATES**

Are corporation's depreciation rates approved by the regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the provision of telephone services? (Check one)

☒ YES ☐ NO

EQUIPMENT CATEGORY	DEPRECIATION RATE
1. Land and support assets - Motor Vehicles	
2. Land and support assets - Aircraft	
3. Land and support assets - Special purpose vehicles	
4. Land and support assets - Garage and other work equipment	
5. Land and support assets - Buildings	
6. Land and support assets - Furniture and Office equipment	
7. Land and support assets - General purpose computers	
8. Central Office Switching - Digital	
9. Central Office Switching - Analog & Electro-mechanical	
10. Central Office Switching - Operator Systems	
11. Central Office Transmission - Radio Systems	
12. Central Office Transmission - Circuit equipment	
13. Information origination/termination - Station apparatus	
14. Information origination/termination - Customer premises wiring	
15. Information origination/termination - Large private branch exchanges	
16. Information origination/termination - Public telephone terminal equipment	
17. Information origination/termination - Other terminal equipment	
18. Cable and wire facilities - Poles	
19. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Metal	
20. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Fiber	
21. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Metal	
22. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Fiber	
23. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Metal	
24. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Fiber	
25. Cable and wire facilities - Conduit systems	
26. Cable and wire facilities - Other	

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<b>PART I – STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS</b>		
<b>1. Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)</b>		[REDACTED]
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>2. Net Income</b>		[REDACTED]
<i>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i>		
<b>3. Add: Depreciation</b>		[REDACTED]
<b>4. Add: Amortization</b>		[REDACTED]
<b>5. Other (Explain)</b> [REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
<i>Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities</i>		
<b>6. Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable</b>		[REDACTED]
<b>7. Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory</b>		[REDACTED]
<b>8. Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges</b>		[REDACTED]
<b>9. Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets</b>		[REDACTED]
<b>10. Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable</b>		[REDACTED]
<b>11. Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings &amp; Payments</b>		[REDACTED]
<b>12. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities</b>		[REDACTED]
<b>13. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations</b>		[REDACTED]
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>14. Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable</b>		[REDACTED]
<b>15. Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable</b>		[REDACTED]
<b>16. Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits</b>		[REDACTED]
<b>17. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)</b>		[REDACTED]
<b>18. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities &amp; Deferred Credits</b>		[REDACTED]
<b>19. Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates &amp; Other Capital</b>		[REDACTED]
<b>20. Less: Payment of Dividends</b>		[REDACTED]
<b>21. Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired</b>		[REDACTED]
<b>22. Other (Explain)</b> [REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
<b>23. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities</b>		[REDACTED]
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>24. Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant &amp; Equipment)</b>		[REDACTED]
<b>25. Other Long-Term Investments</b>		[REDACTED]
<b>26. Other Noncurrent Assets &amp; Jurisdictional Differences</b>		[REDACTED]
<b>27. Other (Explain)</b> [REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
<b>28. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities</b>		[REDACTED]
<b>29. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash</b>		[REDACTED]
<b>30. Ending Cash</b>		[REDACTED]

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Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc.  
Five-Year Plan Progress Report

**Year 2014 Federal Universal Service Receipts:**

Interstate Access Support	\$	
Interstate Common Line Support	\$	
Connect America Fund Support		
High Cost Loop Support	\$	
Safety Net Additive Support	\$	
Safety Valve Loop Cost Adjustment	\$	
CAF-ICC	\$	
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	

**Expenditures For Provision, Maintenance, and Upgrading Of Facilities and Services Supported By Federal Universal Service Funding:**

	Actual 2014
Plant Specific Operations Expenses	\$
Plant Non-Specific Operations Expenses	\$
Customer Operations	\$
Corporate Operations	\$
Other Operating Taxes	\$
<b>Total Years Supported Expenses, Before Return on Investment</b>	<b>\$</b>
Capx Additions	\$
<b>Total Capx Additions</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Total Supported Expenditures, Before Return on Investment</b>	<b>\$</b>



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It is estimated that [REDACTED] of universal service funding received in 2014 was used to ensure and improve *service quality*. This ensures that the network is maintained and operated to provide telecommunications and information services as well as interexchange services and advanced telecommunications that are reasonably comparable to those services offered in urban areas and are available at rates that are reasonably comparable to rates charged for similar services in urban areas. We believe it is reasonable to conclude the [REDACTED] of universal service funding received in 2014 will be used to ensure and improve service quality in 2015.

It is estimated that [REDACTED] of universal service funding received in 2014 was used improve *service coverage* at the wire center served by our company for telecommunications and information services as well as interexchange services and advanced telecommunications (broadband). Due to these expenditures, [REDACTED] of households in our service area will have access to our broadband capable network as of July 1, 2015. We believe it is reasonable to conclude the [REDACTED] of universal service funding received in 2014 will be used to improve service coverage in 2015.

It is estimated that [REDACTED] of universal service funding received in 2014 was used improve *service capacity* at the wire center served by our company for telecommunications and information services as well as interexchange services and advanced telecommunications (broadband). Due to these expenditures [REDACTED] of households in our service area will have access to our broadband capable network at speeds that meet or exceed [REDACTED] as of July 1, 2015. We believe it is reasonable to conclude the [REDACTED] of universal service funding received in 2014 will be used to improve service capacity in 2015.